

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Fritzke et al.

Title: **INSERT FOR A BAT HAVING
AN IMPROVED SEAM
ORIENTATION**

Prior Appl. No.: 10/033,805

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Examiner M. Graham

Art Unit 3711

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

A. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Preliminary Amendment is made to the present continuation application of the above-referenced Prior Application No. 10/033,805.

Please amend the present continuation application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 9-18, 20, 21 and 47-55 without prejudice, as indicated in Section B.

Please add new claims 56-72 as indicated in Section B.

In the Specification:

Please amend page 2 as indicated in Section C.